

North or South Carolina or in some cases of Georgia. It is, therefore, most interesting to find in the Gray Herbarium (distributed as the northern *Scirpus pedicellatus* Fern.) an over-ripe but characteristic specimen of *S. Longii* from wet sand bordering pond 1½ miles southeast of Kinston, Lenoir County, North Carolina, July 9, 1922 (overripe), L. F. & Fannie R. Randolph, no. 579.—M. L. FERNALD.

AN INVALUABLE REFERENCE WORK.—The *Geographical Guide to Floras of the World* by S. F. Blake and Alice C. Atwood¹ is bound to be one of the most valued and consulted bibliographies. Part I, covering Africa, Australia, North and South America and the Islands of the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans, has recently been issued. The work of the authors must have been tremendous and the discriminating between important and unimportant items a perplexing task. The result is 261 pages of closely printed lists of the more significant publications on the floras of the areas covered. There is no padding; in fact, areas where there are plenty of local lists and papers are represented by fewer minor citations than those which are shy on good local lists. This is as it should be. Those whose work concerns the less known regions are thankful for all references; those studying New York or Pennsylvania, for instance, can readily orient themselves without the lesser items. Economic interests are stressed, so that everyone who needs to get at the important floras of the regions covered, whether purely technical or more practical, is going to be more and more thankful to the authors and to the Department of Agriculture.—M. L. F.

¹ *Geographical Guide to the Floras of the World*, an Annotated List with special Reference to useful Plants and common Plant Names. Part I. Africa, North America, South America, and Islands of the Atlantic, Pacific, and Indian Oceans. By S. F. BLAKE and ALICE C. ATWOOD. U. S. Dept. Agric., Misc. Pub. no. 401. 335 pp. Government Printing Office, Washington, 1942. For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C. Price 75 cents.

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